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### Fiscal Year 2011 Funding Requests

Every year, my office receives hundreds of requests for funding and I do my best to help local non-profits, schools, police departments, and municipalities secure federal funding to provide services, create jobs, and grow the local economy. One of the avenues for federal assistance is through the annual appropriations, or budget, process.

Listed below are the projects I submitted to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration for fiscal year 2011 (October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011). These requests will be reviewed by the House Appropriations Committee and the relevant federal department or agency to ensure that they meet program guidelines. It is important to note that there is no guarantee that any of these project requests will receive funding.

For each of the project requests, I have listed the proposed recipient, the address of the recipient, the amount of the request, an explanation of the request, and justification of why the project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds. The amount of each request is based on the historical funding levels available through the relevant federal department or agency, and does not reflect the merit of the project.

#### A.W. Beattie Career Center – Renovations

9600 Babcock Boulevard

Allison Park, PA 15101

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding to equip a classroom to be used for language studies. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the classroom will serve students from across Pennsylvania and facilitate education in the community.

#### African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania – Business Institute

425 Sixth Avenue

Suite 1330

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Amount: \$250,000

Funding for the Business Institute's small business development programs and workshops. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate local small businesses development.

Allegheny County Parks Foundation – North Park Safety Improvement Project

650 Smithfield Street

24th Floor

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Request Amount: \$300,000

Funding to design and construct a pedestrian and biking trail at North Park. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will improve safety by separating pedestrians and bicyclists from traffic, facilitate healthy lifestyles, and link the community to open spaces.

Allegheny Valley Detachment, Marine Corps League – Building Renovation

838 Pittsburgh Street

Springdale, PA 15144

Request Amount: \$40,000

Funding to renovate the Marine Corps League's building to meet building codes. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the building will serve as a community center for disabled veterans to interact and access assistance.

Alle-Kiski Medical Center – Communications Equipment

1301 Carlisle Street

Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Amount: \$300,000

Funding to implement a communications system that will enable wireless, hands-free voice communication for hospital health care workers. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will speed health care worker communication and improve the quality of patient care.

Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development – Brownfield Redevelopment

250 Insurance Street, Suite 300

Beaver, PA 15009

Request Amount: \$2,000,000

Funding for the redevelopment of a former brownfield site into a commercial business center. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate economic development and environmental restoration in Beaver County.

Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development – Wastewater Infrastructure

250 Insurance Street, Suite 300

Beaver, PA 15009

Request Amount: \$750,000

Funding for wastewater infrastructure design and construction for a brownfield project. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate economic development and environmental restoration in Beaver County.

Beaver County Minority Coalition – Juvenile Justice Program

206 Short 10th Street

Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Request Amount: \$100,000

Funding would be used to provide at-risk youth programs operated by the Beaver County Minority Coalition. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will provide programs for youth in the community who are at-risk for participation in criminal activities.

Big Beaver Borough – Norwood Drive Reconstruction

114 Forest Drive

Darlington, PA 16115

Request Amount: \$800,000

Funding for roadway reconstruction to reopen Norwood Drive after an earth slide. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the connector road will eliminate a detour road affecting commuters and emergency vehicles.

Borough of Conway – Emergency Operations Center Building

1208 3rd Avenue

Conway, PA 15027

Request Amount: \$300,000

Funding to construct a centralized, handicapped accessible, emergency operations center. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will provide a more efficient emergency command center with an updated communications network to assist with emergency response.

Borough of Monaca – Law Enforcement Equipment

928 Pennsylvania Avenue

Monaca, PA 15061

Request Amount: \$100,000

Funding to install license plate recognition cameras at bridges and in a police cruiser. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will enable the police department to more quickly identify drivers with outstanding warrants.

Borough of Rochester – Police Department Emergency Power

350 Adams Street

Rochester, PA 15074

Request Amount: \$175,000

Funding to install alternative energy power generation equipment on the Borough of Rochester municipal building. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will provide an additional power source to assist with continuity of municipal and emergency service operations and reduce energy consumption.

Borough of Rochester – Law Enforcement Technology

350 Adams Street

Rochester, PA 15074

Request Amount: \$45,000

Funding for law enforcement technology and equipment, including surveillance cameras. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will enable law enforcement to better monitor and rapidly respond to crime or fire incidents.

Catalyst Connection – Small Manufacturers Defense Initiative

2000 Technology Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Request Amount: \$2,000,000

Funding to assist small- and medium-sized Pennsylvania manufacturers to participate in the Department of Defense procurement process. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the project will assist coordination between the Department of Defense and local small- and medium-sized manufacturers, facilitating economic development and job creation.

Cathedral Foundation – Scottish Rite Cathedral Restoration

110 E. Lincoln Avenue

New Castle, PA 16101

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding for restoration and handicap accessibility projects at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, a site on the National Register of Historic Places. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will restore a national historic place and enhance accessibility.

Center Township Board of Supervisors – Beaver Valley Mall Loop Road

224 Center Grange Road

Aliquippa, PA 15001

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding for design and construction of a road to relieve traffic congestion and provide access to undeveloped property. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will facilitate development, improve traffic safety, and reduce traffic congestion.

Chatham University – Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Woodland Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Request Amount: \$200,000

Funding for salaries and community outreach to establish a sustainable agriculture outreach and education center in Northern Allegheny County. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will promote the development of best practices for food safety and food security.

Cheswick Borough – Law Enforcement Equipment

220 S. Atlantic Avenue

Cheswick, PA 15024

Request Amount: \$10,000

Funding for law enforcement technology and equipment. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will enable the Borough to better serve and protect the citizens of Cheswick Borough and the surrounding areas.

City of Beaver Falls Police Department – Beaver Falls Police Firing Range

715 15th Street

Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Request Amount: \$750,000

Funding to equip a new police firing range. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the facility will be used to properly and safely train police officers in Beaver County.

Community College of Beaver County – Air Traffic Control Tower

1 Campus Drive

Monaca, PA 15061

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding for Control Tower Simulator equipment at the Community College of Beaver County.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will help train students for air traffic controller jobs.

Cranberry Township – Law Enforcement Equipment  
2525 Rochester Road  
Suite 400

Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Request Amount: \$200,000

Funding for law enforcement technology and equipment for officers and vehicles. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will enable the Township to better serve and protect the citizens of Cranberry Township and travelers along Interstate 79, Interstate 76, and State Route 19.

Crisis Center North – Domestic Violence Services

1008 Perry Highway

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Request Amount: \$250,000

Funding for domestic violence counseling and prevention services. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because Crisis Center North is the only domestic violence center in Allegheny County that provides in-person, 24-hour advocacy services.

Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County – Online Victim Support

1218 W. State Street

New Castle, PA 16101

Request Amount: \$450,000

Funding to expand and promote two first-of-their-kind websites that provide online counseling, information, and support. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will allow families and teens to access counseling services 24 hours a day from any location.

Daniel B. Matthews Historical Society – Tuskegee Airmen Memorial

P.O. Box 85

Sewickley, PA 15143

Request Amount: \$75,000

Funding to construct the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial in the War Memorial Park in Sewickley, PA. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the memorial will serve as a tribute to the Borough's record number of Tuskegee Airmen, eight from a community of only 6,000.

**DSN Innovations – Supply Chain Solutions Lab**

6021 Wallace Road Extension

Suite 200

Wexford, PA 15090

Request Amount: \$1,500,000

Funding for software to solve military supply chain issues. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the lab will streamline military supply chains, accelerate production, and reduce costs.

**Ellwood City Hospital – Electronic Health Record Telecommunication System**

724 Pershing Street

Ellwood City, PA 16117

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding to upgrade and renovate Ellwood City Hospital's telecommunication system. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will expedite quality patient care.

**Fawn Township Sewer Authority – Wastewater Infrastructure**

P.O. Box 525

Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Request Amount: \$900,000

Funding to construct sewer lines along Lower Donnellville Road in Fawn Township. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will address local wastewater issues and facilitate future development.

**Freedom Borough – Transportation Infrastructure**

901 3rd Avenue

Freedom, PA 15042

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding to repair and repave public roads in Freedom Borough. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will improve transportation infrastructure and facilitate development.

**Freedom Borough – Law Enforcement Equipment**

901 3rd Avenue

Freedom, PA 15042

Request Amount: \$200,000

Funding for law enforcement technology and equipment. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will enable the Borough police department to better serve and protect the citizens of Freedom Borough and the surrounding counties.

Harmonie Association, Inc. – Old Economy Village Educational Programming

270 16th Street

Ambridge, PA 15003

Request Amount: \$200,000

Funding to develop education and outreach programming at the Old Economy Village Museum, a National Historic Landmark site. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will help to continue education outreach at a historic site.

Hopewell Township – Lakewood Amphitheater

1700 Clark Boulevard

Aliquippa, PA 15001

Request Amount: \$100,000

Funding to construct a public amphitheater at Hopewell Community Park. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the amphitheater will promote economic development as well as serve as a public facility for concerts and community arts and cultural organizations.

Iron Workers – Joint Apprenticeship and Journeyman Training

2315 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Request Amount: \$200,000

Funding for equipping and staffing an iron workers commercial and industrial construction program. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the Center provides job training for in-demand, well-paying jobs.

Jameson Hospital – Emergency Room Renovation and Construction

1211 Wilmington Avenue

New Castle, PA 16105

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding to expand and update Jameson Hospital's emergency room. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will improve health services for the community.

Lawrence County – Millennium Technology Park

430 Court Street

New Castle, PA 16101

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding to distribute natural gas lines and electrical services throughout a brownfield in the

process of redevelopment, the Millennium Technology Park site. This is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will prepare a portion of the property for further development and promote economic development in the region.

**Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center – Senior Community Health and Welfare**

One Lincoln Park

Midland, PA 15059

Request Amount: \$200,000

Funding for staff salaries and operational costs for a program to improve seniors' health and wellness through music. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate good health among senior citizens and good quality of life.

**Mahoning Township – Municipal Building**

4538 West State Street

Hillsville, PA 16132

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding to construct an energy-efficient township building to house municipal offices and services. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will centralize municipal services, facilitate economic development, and reduce energy consumption.

**Municipal Authority of the Borough of Midland – Water and Wastewater Infrastructure**

946 Railroad Avenue

Midland, PA 15059

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding to construct a raw water intake, pump station, and line to the Midland Water plant to process drinking water. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will allow the borough to independently process drinking water and reduce costs.

**Municipality of Murrysville – Communications Equipment**

4100 Sardis Road

Murrysville, PA 15668

Request Amount: \$100,000

Funding for communications equipment for emergency responders and public works personnel. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will enable the Municipality emergency services personnel to better serve and protect the citizens of Murrysville and the surrounding communities.

National Character Education Foundation – Students for Good Character

314 South Main Street

Zelienople, PA 16063

Request Amount: \$750,000

Funding for a program that fosters behavioral and academic success for students. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because this is a proven juvenile delinquency prevention program.

New Castle Sanitation Authority - Wastewater Infrastructure

110 East Washington Street

New Castle, PA 16101

Request Amount: \$0. This is a technical correction.

Funds will be redirected to the New Castle Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Dewatering Improvement Project to enhance solids handling capabilities and provide for system redundancy at the New Castle Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will facilitate wastewater disposal and economic development.

North Hills Community Outreach – Community Auto Program

1975 Ferguson Road

Allison Park, PA 15101

Request Amount: \$350,000

Funding to facilitate the transition from unemployment to the workforce by providing refurbished, donated vehicles to unemployed individuals at below-market value to assist low-income individuals in obtaining and maintaining employment. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it assists low-income individuals in finding and holding a job.

Pennsylvania State University – Enhanced Dairy Farm Profitability

117 Old Main

University Park, PA 16802

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding for salaries, supplies, equipment, and animal-use fees for research on enhancing dairy farm profitability, such as on-farm energy production and cropping systems to balance dairy feed production and energy feedstock production. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because research results will be passed directly to local dairy farmers to improve profitability.

Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation – FirstLink

4514 Plummer Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Request Amount: \$2,000,000

Funding to transition Department of Defense technology to commercial products for first responders. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate providing first responders with available technologies.

Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse – Tech Belt Biosciences Initiative

100 Technology Drive

Suite 400

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding for salaries and development of the Tech Belt Initiative, a collaborative effort to create jobs, increase entrepreneurship, and build on successful small business partnerships in the Pittsburgh-Cleveland region. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it would assist start-up companies and create jobs in the local economy.

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra – Arts Education in Fourth Congressional District Schools

Heinz Hall

600 Penn Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Request Amount: \$200,000

Funding for supplemental music and arts education programs in public and private schools and the community. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because these programs facilitate arts education programs in local schools and the community.

Quaker Valley Council of Governments – Law Enforcement Equipment

620 California Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Request Amount: \$500,000

Funding for law enforcement communications technology and equipment. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it would enable police departments in Allegheny and Beaver Counties to better serve and protect the citizens of Allegheny and Beaver Counties.

Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County – Cranberry Woods Connector Road

625 Sixth Avenue

Suite 800

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding for the design and construction of a road between the Cranberry Woods office park and

Freeport Road, as well as roadway improvements at the intersection of Freeport Road and Route 19. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce congestion on State Route 228, improve traffic safety, and facilitate development and job growth.

**Ross Township – Emergency Power Equipment**

1000 Ross Municipal Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Request Amount: \$150,000

Funding for new wiring for Ross Township's Community Center generator. The Community Center is used as an emergency shelter during power outages. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will ensure continuity of township services and allow the Ross Township Community Center to serve as an emergency shelter.

**Shaler Area Community Wellness Center – Equipment**

381 Wible Run Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15209

Request Amount: \$100,000

Funding to replace the outdated equipment in a center that provides health and fitness services for the community. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because the center provides healthy lifestyle services to the community.

**SIDS of PA, Inc. – Cribs for Kids**

810 River Avenue

Suite 250

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Request Amount: \$300,000

Funding for salaries and equipment to educate parents serving in the United States military on safe sleep for infants, provide safe cribs, and initiate a pilot study. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because research has shown that the rate of preventable Sudden Infant Death Syndrome occurrences in the U.S. military is almost double that of the general population.

**South Side Historical Village Association – Searight Barn Renovation**

P.O. Box 140

Hookstown, PA 15050

Request Amount: \$100,000

Funding to site and preserve a historic barn at the South Side Historical Village. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate the preservation of Western

Pennsylvania's farming heritage and attract increased tourism to the local economy.

**Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh – Lower Hill District Road Construction**

425 Sixth Avenue

Suite 2750

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding to construct five roads in Pittsburgh's Lower Hill District to reconnect the neighborhood to the central business district and facilitate development. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will promote economic development.

**StartingGate – Proving Grounds Tech Commercialization Center**

2750 Constitution Boulevard

Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Request Amount: \$350,000

Funding to accelerate the transfer of research on products to benefit first responders to local small businesses. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate small business development while also assisting first responder and security needs.

**University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Neuroprosthetic Solutions for Restoring Sensorimotor Function**

U.S. Steel Tower

600 Grant Street, Floor 60

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Request Amount: \$1,700,000

Funding for research on nervous system prosthetics technology for military veterans. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because of the unprecedented rate of amputation among veterans.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Aliquippa Flood Damage Reduction**

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$100,000

Funding to investigate alternatives to reduce flood damage in Aliquippa. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate economic development and improve quality of life.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Allegheny River Navigation Study**

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$100,000

Funding to investigate options to sustain operations at the eight locks and dams in the Allegheny River navigation system. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate regional transportation and economic development.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Aspinwall Borough Wastewater and Storm Water Management  
1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$200,000

Funding to investigate alternatives to separate Shady Run stream from combined sewer and storm water systems. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate community storm water and wastewater control.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Brady's Run

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$100,000

Funding to investigate alternatives to restore the Brighton Township watershed and Brady's Run. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate environmental restoration and improved community quality of life.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Emsworth Dam Repair

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$3,000,000

Funding to update the Ohio River Emsworth Dam to ensure continued navigation, such as dam gates and emergency bulkheads. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate regional transportation and economic development.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Ohio River Locks and Dams

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$6,000,000

Funding to replace eight failing dam gates at Montgomery on the Ohio River. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate regional transportation and economic development.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Pine Creek, Allegheny County, PA

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$100,000

Funding to investigate alternatives to reduce flooding in McCandless, PA, on the Pine Creek watershed. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate economic development and improved quality of life.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Pine Creek Watershed Study

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$100,000

Funding to investigate alternatives to reduce flooding and improve water quality in the communities in the Pine Creek watershed. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate economic development and improved quality of life.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Springdale Borough Wastewater and Storm Water Management

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$100,000

Funding to separate storm water runoff from sewer flows in Springdale Borough. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate community wastewater and storm water management.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Upper Ohio River Navigation Study

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$1,200,000

Funding to investigate the condition of the first three locks and dams on the Ohio River. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate regional transportation and economic development.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Western Pennsylvania Watershed Management

1000 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Amount: \$100,000

Funding to investigate alternatives to reduce flood damage in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer counties. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funding because it will facilitate economic development and improved quality of life.

Westminster College – Broadcast Communications Studio

319 S. Market Street

New Wilmington, PA 16172

Request Amount: \$250,000

Funding to equip a broadcast communications studio. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will assist student education in Westminster College's broadcasting program.